

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-29 remain pending. Claims 1-29 stand rejected.

Claims 1, 6, 12, 23-26 and 29 are amended. No claims have been canceled.

Claims 30-34 have been added. Applicants submit that no new matter is added herein as amendment to claim 1 is supported at least at paragraph 36; amendment to claim 6 is supported at least at paragraph 25; amendment to claims 12 and 23 are supported at least at paragraphs 45, 50 and 51; additional claim 30 is supported at least at paragraphs 20 and 42; additional claim 31 is supported at least at paragraph 23; additional claim 32 is supported at least at paragraph 33 and by claims 12 and 14; additional claim 33 is supported at least at paragraphs 35 and 36; and additional claim 34 is supported at least at paragraph 53 of the application as originally filed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 1-29 and consideration of additional claims 30-34 in view of at least the following remarks.

I. Specification

The Patent Office asserts that the title of the invention is not descriptive of the claims. Applicants respectfully disagree. The claims include systems and methods having privacy logic for detecting the privacy device so that a display device can be disabled and video can be routed to a HID privacy device. Hence, Applicants assert that the title does describe the claims and respectfully request the Patent Office withdraw the objection above.

II. Claim Objections

The Patent Office objects to claims 1-5 because of the use of parenthetical expressions. Applicants disagree as the parenthetical expressions are used to indicate abbreviations for commonly used terms, as known in the art, so that the claims are easier to read. Such practice is well known at the Patent Office and in the field of patent prosecution. Hence, Applicants respectfully request the Patent Office withdraw the objection above.

III. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Patent Office rejects claims 24-26 as being indefinite. Applicants amends claims 24-26 to require “machine readable medium”. Hence, Applicants respectfully request the Patent Office withdraw the rejection above.

IV. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Patent Office rejects claims 24-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. As noted above, Applicants have amended claims 24-26. Hence, Applicants respectfully request the Patent Office withdraw the rejection above.

V. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Patent Office rejects claims 1-14, 16, 18-25, 27 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,947,014 to Wooten (“Wooten”). It is axiomatic that for a claim to be anticipated every limitation of the claim must be disclosed in a single reference.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection above for independent claim 1, as amended, for at least the reason that the cited reference does not disclose video

privacy logic within the computing device as required by claim 1. Wooten requires that the monitor auto-blanking system that is part of the eyewear display system 10, where the blanking system makes the user's computer screen go blank (see Abstract, Figure 1, and Col. 3, lines 34-40). For example, a principle of operation of Wooten is that the eyewear display system "is capable of attaching to any standard video connector, to provide the convenience of universal connection to computer systems." Consequently, it is against the principle of operation of Wooten noted above to have the privacy logic to disable the primary display and route video display data to the HID, within the computing device, as required by claim 1.

Applicants also disagree with the rejection above for claim 6 for at least the reason that the cited reference does not disclose the video driver within the computing device, as required by amended claim 6. An argument analogous to the one above for claim 1 applies here as well.

Applicants disagree with the rejection above for claims 12 and 23 for at least the reason that the cited reference does not disclose using software within the computing device or the instructions executed within the computing device, as required by amended claims 12 and 23, respectively. An argument analogous to the one above for claim 1 applies here as well.

In addition to being dependent upon allowable base claim 12, Applicants disagree with the rejection above of claim 16 for at least the reason that the cited reference does not disclose enabling the primary display device when the privacy device is uncoupled from the port of the computing device. Wooten teaches retracting the connection device for easy storage (see col. 3, lines 41-42). However, the Patent Office has not identified and Applicants are unable to find any teaching in Wooten of

the above noted limitation of claim 16. Specifically, there is no description, disclosure, or enablement of such capability in Wooten.

In addition to being dependent upon allowable base claim 12, Applicants disagree with the rejection above for claim 18. An argument analogous to the one above for claim 15 applies here as well, but with respect to monitoring whether the privacy device continues to be coupled to the port, as required by claim 18. Specifically, there is no description, disclosure, or enablement of such monitoring in Wooten.

Any dependent claims not mentioned herein are submitted as not being anticipated or obvious for at least the same reasons given in support of their base claims, as well as for the additional limitations required by each dependent claim. Hence, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office withdraw the rejections above for any dependent claims.

Hence, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office withdraw the rejections above.

VI. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Patent Office rejects claims 15, 17, 26 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wooten in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0045484 to Eck, et al. ("Eck"). To be obvious, each limitation of the claim must be taught or suggested by at least one properly combined reference.

Applicants disagree with the rejection above to claim 17 for at least the reason that, in addition to being dependent upon allowable base claim 12, claim 17 requires one of start sending video display data to the primary display device, stop sending blank screen data to the primary display device and stop sending splash screen data to the primary display device. An argument analogous to the one above for claim 16

applies here as well, but with respect to the above noted limitation of claim 17. That is, Wooten does not describe, disclose, enable, or make obvious the above noted limitations of claim 17.

Any dependent claims not mentioned herein are submitted as not being anticipated or obvious for at least the same reasons given in support of their base claims, as well as for the additional limitations required by each dependent claim. Hence, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office withdraw the rejections above for any dependent claims.

Hence, for at least the reasons above, Applicants respectfully request the Patent Office withdraw the rejection above.

VII. Additional Claims 30-34

Applicants submit that additional claims 30-34 are allowable for at least the reasons given above in support of their base claims, as well as for the additional limitations of claims 30-34.

Specifically, claims 30-34 include additional limitations which Applicant was unable to find described in the cited sections of the cited references. Hence, Applicants respectfully request the Patent Office allow additional claims 30-34.

CONCLUSION

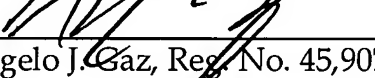
In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending (1) are in proper form, (2) are neither obvious nor anticipated by the relied upon art of record, and (3) are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

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